Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to understand that they had applications without calling for them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They had.

Meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

83. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state when was the last meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee held, and if no meeting of the Committee has been held in 1104, what is the reason for it ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The last meeting of the Town Improvement Committee was held in 1103. Three meetings have been called in 1104, but none could be held for want of quorum, the President and the Secretary being the only members present on all the occasions.

Public Library and Reading Room in Kunnamkulam.

84. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have not received any representation for maintaining or aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam, and if so, whether the request has been sanctioned ; and if not, what is the reason for not granting the request ; whether the Government have not opened village Libraries ?

Rao Sahib Mr C. Matthai.—Yes; and the question of aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam is under consideration. Four village Libraries have been opened by the Government.

Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

85. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the resolution passed by the Legislative Council to open a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State and accepted by the Government; whether proposals for opening this hospital have been submitted to the Diwan, and if so, when and by whom and what are they ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Proposals to open the hospital were submitted to the Government by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101 and 1103. They cannot be published now. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the reason for not getting the report from the Chief Medical Officer till 1103, since the Government have received the report from the Superintendent of Agricultre in 1101 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On some special points further information was needed, and, therefore, further reports have to be called.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for the delay of two years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We are watching the developments of similar institutions in other places, and only after having sufficient experience of that, could the Government launch upon this scheme.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Government publish that fact in the Proceedings when the resolution was passed in the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not exactly remember the lines of the Proceedings. The file concerned is not here, and so I want notice.

Reduction in the number of trees tapped for toddy and arrack sold.

86. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the annual percentage of reduction in (1) the number of trees tapped for fermented toddy and (2) the total number of gallons of arrack sold in the State in the last seven years?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—The Member is referred to statements 2 and 3 appended to the answer to question No. 421 of the Legislative Session of 1104.

Opening of a new road in Kunnamkulam.

87. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the opening of the lane or road referred to in question No. 156 of the Budget Session of 1101 and question No. 157 of the Legislative Session of 1103 and question No. 257 of the Legislative Session of 1104 and which the Government have admitted to be necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children has been taken up for execution; and if not,

(b) what is the reason for not taking up this important work?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) For want of funds. Government is not quite convinced of its importance as made out in the question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did not the Government admit in this Council that the road is necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not think Government has admitted that in so many terms as the Hon'ble Member put it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to refer to the answers given to questions 156 of 1101 (Budget Session), 157 of the Legislative Session of 1103 and 257 of the Legislative Session of 1104? They will find from those answers that they have admitted that.

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